

CITY OF SUNNYVALE REPORT Administrative Hearing

January 25, 2006

SUBJECT:

2005-1225 – Innovative Design Architects [Applicant] **Harman-Managers Investments** [Owners]: Application for a Special Development Permit on a 10,356 square-foot site to allow a 2,414 square-foot dental office within an existing building located at **1002 East El Camino Real** (at Poplar Ave) in a C-2/PD (Highway Business/Planned Development)

Zoning District.

Motion

Special Development Permit to allow a dental office.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Existing Site Conditions

Vacant commercial building

Surrounding Land Uses

North

El Camino Real, commercial uses

South

Multi-family residential

East

Commercial uses

West

Poplar Avenue, commercial uses

Issues

Parking

Environmental

Status

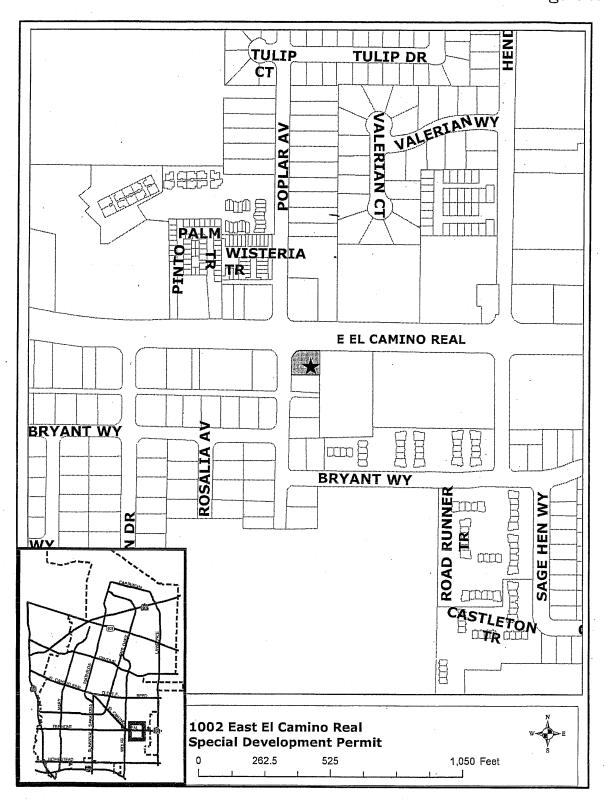
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and City Guidelines.

Staff

Approval with conditions

Recommendation



PROJECT DATA TABLE

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED/ PERMITTED
General Plan	Commercial General Business	Same	
Zoning District	C-2/PD	Same	
Lot Size (s.f.)	10,356 s.f.	Same	None
Gross Floor Area (s.f.)	2,414 s.f.	Same	None
Gross Floor Area of Tenant	2,414 s.f.	Same .	None
Lot Coverage (%)	18% (24% including eaves)	Same	35% max.
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	23% (30% including eaves)	Same	55% max.
No. of Buildings On- Site	1	Same	
Building Height (ft.)	19 ft.	Same	75 ft. max.
No. of Stories	1	Same	8 max.
Setbacks			
Front	10' 6" near street corner, 16' 3" elsewhere fronting El Camino Real 12' near street corner, 20' fronting	Same	70' min.
	Poplar Avenue		
Left Side	46' 10"	Same	O' min.
Rear	38'2"	Same	0' min.
Landscaping (sq. ft.)			
Total Landscaping	3,239 sq. ft.	Same	2,071 sq. ft. min.
Frontage Width (ft.)	Varies from 4 ft. to 20 ft.	Same	15 ft. min.
% Based on Floor Area	3,239 sq. ft.	Same	302 sq. ft. min.
Buffer (ft.) Adj. Residential	5 ft.	Same	10 ft. min.



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Parking		F	Company of the Compan
Total Spaces	13	Same	12 min.
Standard Spaces	12	Same	12 min.
Accessible Spaces	1	Same	
Aisle Width (ft.)	13' 6" one-way 26' two-way	Same	13' 6" one-way, 26' two-way min.
Bicycle Parking	None	Same	·



Starred items indicate deviations from Sunnyvale Municipal Code requirements.

ANALYSIS

Description of Proposed Project

The applicant is proposing to change the use within the existing building. Previously the building was a flower (retail) shop. The applicant is proposing to locate a dental office into the existing building. The office will include patient rooms, offices, lobby, bathrooms and labs. All modifications will be internal, no external modifications are proposed by the applicant.

Background

Previous Actions on the Site: The following table summarizes previous planning applications related to the subject site.

atile Number:	::::Brief Description	Hearing/Decision.	Date
1966-0147	Use Permit for a take-	Approved	8/10/1964
	out restaurant	·	
1971-0311	Rezone from R-5 to C- 2/PD	Approved	9/13/1971
1972-0285	Use Permit for unenclosed storage/sales of trailers	Approved	7/25/1972

Environmental Review

A Class 1 Categorical Exemption relieves this project from California Environmental Quality Act provisions and City Guidelines. Class 1 Categorical

Exemptions includes operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, minor alterations of private structures.

Special Development Permit

Site Layout: The site is currently developed with a 2,414 square foot single-story commercial building, as well as a basement. The building is located towards the street corner of El Camino Real and Poplar Avenue. The parking is towards the side and rear with a two-way driveway on the eastern end of the property and a one-way driveway at the south end of the site. The garbage enclosure is located towards the middle of the site behind the building.

Architecture: The building has a mansard style metal roof with 4 foot eaves in all directions. The one-story building has stucco exteriors, with the entire building painted gray. The main entries into the building are provided on the north and west elevations through double glass doors. Employee access is provided through the rear of the building. With the interior modifications, the applicant is proposing to maintain the main entrance off of El Camino Real, however, the entrance off of Poplar Avenue will be removed to allow for addition patient rooms. The doors will remain; however, they will not be usable for everyday usage.

Landscaping: Existing landscaping is along the fronts and rear of the building. In addition, there are landscape strip along the rear and side edges of the property. Landscaping fronting the building includes ground cover and pedestrian walkways. The landscaping at the rear and side include ground cover and trees. The site currently has eight existing trees, of which none will be removed. The trees are concentrated along the periphery of the site and covers part of the parking lot area.

Parking/Circulation: The site currently contains 13 parking spaces. Based on the proposed use of a medical or dental office, the site would be required to have 12 parking spaces without any compact spaces. Based on the 13 parking spaces, there will be adequate parking for the proposed dental office use. The applicant is not proposing to modify the existing circulation at the site. Because the property is at the corner of Poplar Avenue and El Camino Real there is access to both roadways. The driveway to Poplar is one way exit only with a two way access available from El Camino Real. The landscaping in the parking lot area contains a mix of mature and younger trees, with all landscape areas fully planted.

Compliance with Development Standards/Guidelines: The site meets all development standards except for front yard setback and landscape buffer and frontage width. However, it is an existing approved building and the applicant proposes only interior modifications to accommodate the new use. The site

and building in general are in good condition with adequate on-site landscaping.

Expected Impact on the Surroundings: The proposed project is not expected to have any adverse impact on the surrounding area. The project does not include any physical changes to the site. The proposed use requires less parking spaces than the previous retail use, thus, there will not be any traffic impacts. In addition, the proposed is will not produce excessive noise, odors, and will not be open extended hours. The use will occupy a vacant building providing increased activity on the site, rather than remain vacant.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impacts other than normal fees and taxes are expected.

Public Contact

Notice of Public Hearing	::::Staff Report	Agenda
 Published in the Sun newspaper Posted on the site 8 notices mailed to property owners and residents adjacent to the project site 	 Posted on the City of Sunnyvale's Website Provided at the Reference Section of the City of Sunnyvale's Public Library 	 Posted on the City's official notice bulletin board City of Sunnyvale's Website Recorded for SunDial

Conclusion

Findings and General Plan Goals: Staff was able to make the required Findings based on the justifications for the Use Permit. Findings and General Plan Goals are located in Attachment A.

Conditions of Approval: Conditions of Approval are located in Attachment B.

Alternatives

- 1. Approve the Special Development Permit with attached conditions.
- 2. Approve the Special Development Permit with modified conditions.
- 3. Deny the Special Development Permit.

Recommendation

Alternative 1.

The proposed project is appropriate for the site as there is adequate parking and will have minimal impact on neighbors since it is a mostly benign use. The project does not propose any changes to the site. The proposed use will renovate an older building and provide activity at the site, rather than remain vacant which should help with the upkeep at the site.

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Attachments:

- A. Recommended Findings
- B. Recommended Conditions of Approval
- C. Site and Architectural Plans

Recommended Findings - Special Development Permit

Goals and Policies that relate to this project are:

1. The proposed use attains the objectives and purposes of the General Plan of the City of Sunnyvale as the project as noted below (*Finding met*):

Land Use and Transportation Element

Policy C4.1: Maintain a diversity of commercial enterprises and industrial uses to sustain and bolster the local economy.

Action Statement C4.1.1: Permit a variety of commercial and industrial uses, including: Office.

2. The proposed use ensures that the general appearance of proposed structures, or the uses to be made of the property to which the application refers, will not impair either the orderly development of, or the existing uses being made of, adjacent properties as the proposed project is providing adequate parking and will not negatively impact surrounding uses as it is a dental office. (Finding met)

Recommended Conditions of Approval - Special Development Permit

In addition to complying with all applicable City, County, State and Federal Statutes, Codes, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations, Permittee expressly accepts and agrees to comply with the following conditions of approval of this Permit:

Unless otherwise noted, all conditions shall be subject to the review of approval of the Director of Community Development.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. Project shall be in conformance with the plans approved at the public hearing(s). Minor changes may be approved by the Director of Community Development, major changes may be approved at a public hearing.
- B. Any major site and architectural plan modifications shall be treated as an amendment of the original approval and shall be subject to approval at a public hearing except that minor changes of the approved plans may be approved by staff level by the Director of Community Development.
- C. The Conditions of Approval shall be reproduced on a page of the plans submitted for a Building Permit for this project. Building Permit plans shall be accompanied by an annotated set of the conditions of approval indicating how the project complies with each condition.
- D. The Special Development Permit shall be null and void two years from the date of approval by the final review authority at a public hearing if the approval is not exercised, unless a written request for an extension is received prior to expiration date.
- E. Once this Special Development Permit is exercised, any previously approved permits shall be null and void with no further action required by any reviewing authority.
- F. Prior to any occupancy, the temporary structure at the rear of the site in the landscape area shall be removed from the site.
- G. The building shall be repainted to the approval of the Community Development Director.

2. COMPLY WITH OR OBTAIN OTHER PERMITS

A. Obtain necessary permits from the Department of Public Works for all proposed off-site improvements.

3. EASEMENTS AND DEDICATIONS

A. Dedicate a six-foot landscape easement to the City along El Camino Real.

4. EXTERIOR EQUIPMENT

- A. Any new mechanical units shall be screened from views with architecture or landscaping features.
- B. All unenclosed materials, equipment and/or supplies of any kind shall be maintained within approved enclosure area. Any stacked or stored items shall not exceed the height of the enclosure.

5. PARKING

- A. The parking lot shall be slurry sealed and restriped prior to occupancy.
- B. No compact parking spaces are allowed on the site in conjunction with the dental office use.

6. RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE

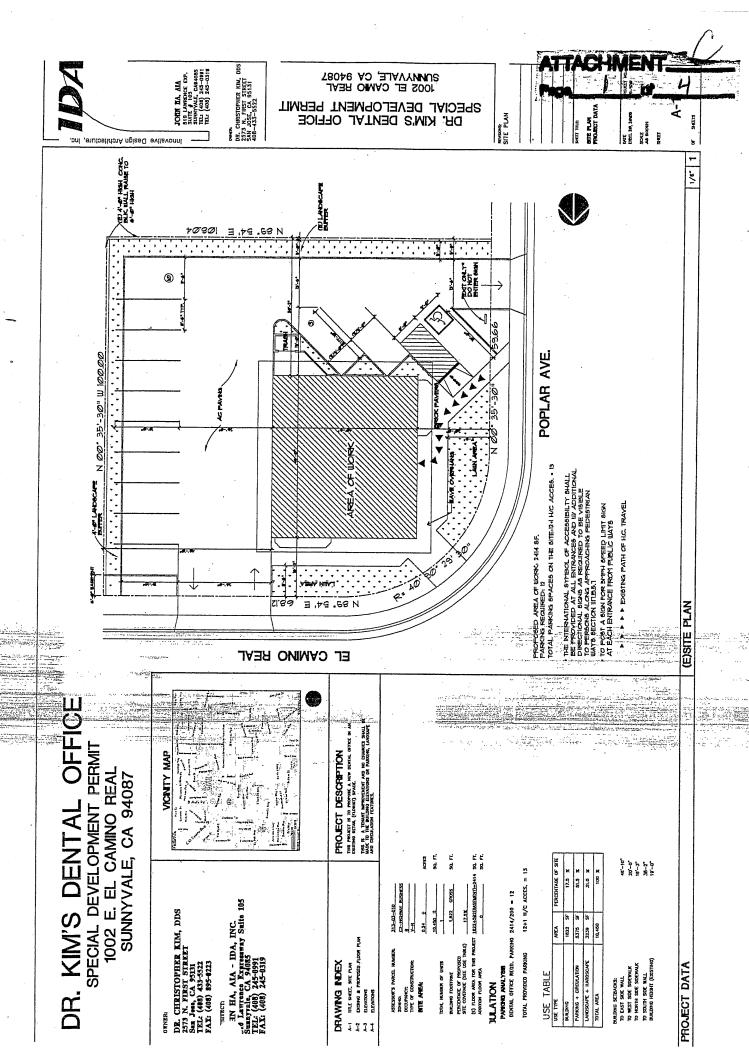
- A. Solid waste enclosures shall be designed and constructed to the approval of the Director of Community Development prior to occupancy.
- B. All exterior recycling and solid waste shall be confined to approved receptacles and enclosures.
- C. The required solid waste and recycling enclosure shall match the design, materials and color of the main building.
- D. The enclosure shall be of masonry construction and shall match the exterior design, materials and color of the main building.

7. SIGNS

A. All new signs shall be in conformance with Sunnyvale Municipal Code

8. VEHICLES

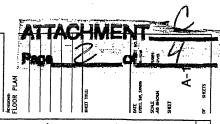
A. No vehicles or trailers shall be advertised for sale or rent on the site and nor vehicle sales, leasing or rentals shall be conducted at the site.

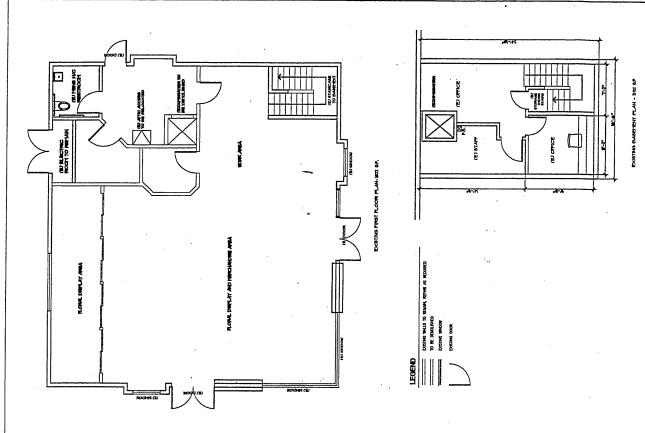


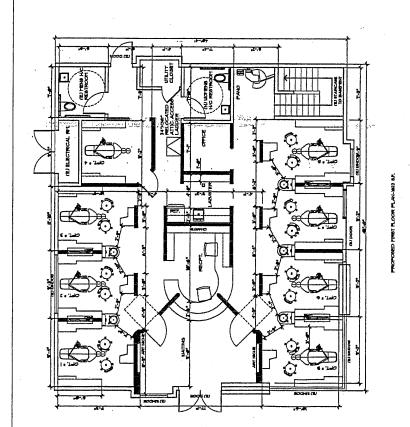


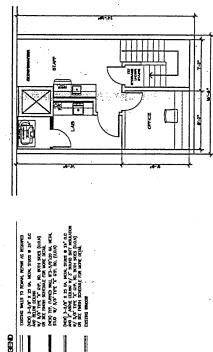
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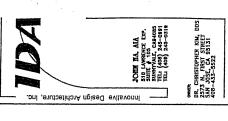






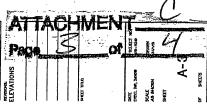


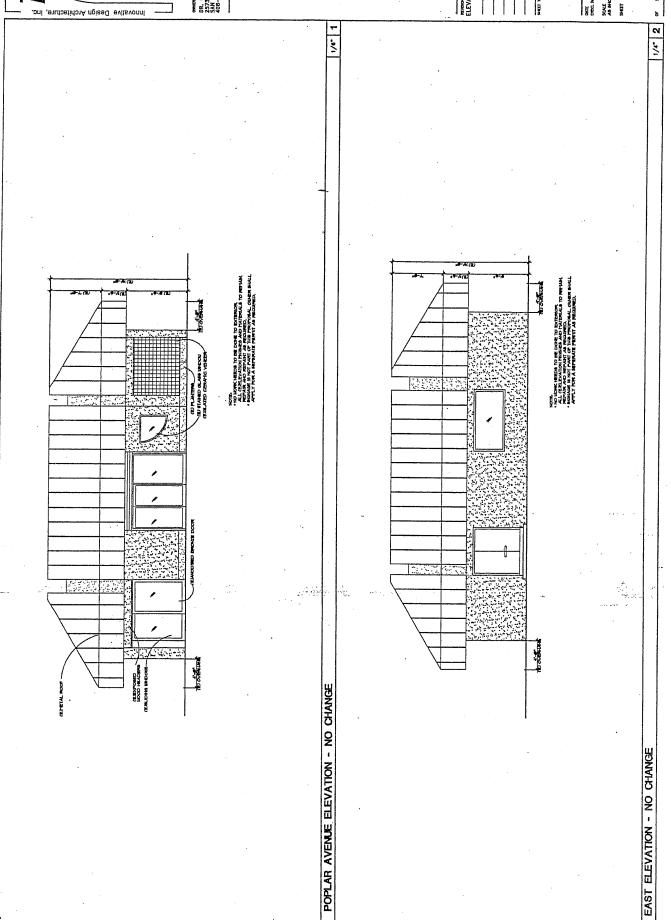
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